

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

## Administrator

Fr. Fernando  
Melendez

910-665-1530 (O)  
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Deacon

Deacon Mike Vandiver  
910-285-4737

## Mass Schedule:

Mondays – 9 am  
Tuesdays – 5 pm  
Communion Service  
Wednesdays (mass in  
Magnolia at St. Clara)  
Thursdays -- 9 am  
Fridays -- 9 am  
Saturdays at 5 pm (Eng)  
Sundays at 8:30 am (Eng)  
& 11 am (Spanish)  
See Bulletin for possible  
changes

## Adoration:

Thursday after Mass until  
6:00 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass and  
Saturday before Mass or by  
appointment

## Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and  
Friday after 9am Mass

## Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Geri Cullen  
285-7334

## Parish Council Chair:

Julia Bryant  
665-1173

## Financial Council Chair:

Mark Hopkins



## Our Mission

To love and know more  
profoundly our Catholic Faith,  
worship the Lord, minister to  
our members and to further  
spread our faith in the  
community.



Flower Donation:



Sanctuary candle in memory/honor of:

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING FOR JOSEPH AVERY REQUESTED BY HIS  
MOTHER JEANETH RIVENBARK.

Donating Flowers and Sanctuary Candles to decorate our Altar and Church is a great way to honor our beloved ones!

Please call, text or email Kathy Lord [bkretired06@embarqmail.com](mailto:bkretired06@embarqmail.com)

Cell & Text: 910-271-4660 Home: 910-285-8008

## Important Information

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. New members are asked to call the Parish office to register. Current parishioners who relocate are requested to inform us of your move. To **update your registration information**, please contact **Elaine Masinick** ([emasinick@gmail.com](mailto:emasinick@gmail.com)).

Community: If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, celebrating a significant event or anniversary, or just needing a cheerful message, please contact **Judi Matthews** at 289-1738 so she can send a card from the parish to the person or family. Judi will need the name, address, and information on the occasion in order to do so.

Homebound Ministry: If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please contact **Rosanna Hirshkind** at 471-8647.

In need of a Priest: **Deacon Mike** can be contacted at 910-271- 4444 should you have an emergency or any life and death situation that requires , a priest Fr. Fernando

## Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend 2 preparation classes prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Fernando or with Deacon Mike to discuss this procedure.

Marriage: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes six months. Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Father Fernando.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday after Mass, Saturday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Father Fernando if anyone is in need of this sacrament

Prayer List: Ed Mikolaitis, Karen Lynn Wilburn, Joseph Avery, Christine Stacey, Marian Alessandrine, For those special intentions of our parish family, and all members of the military especially those in harm's way and for our seminarian, Omeed and Caleb Huemiller  
At the beginning of each month, The Prayer List will start a new prayer list. If someone, friend or family is sick, please let us know by email, ng [eleenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eleenhirshkind@aol.com) and we will list them in the bulletin.

## Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 22:

Sun, Dec 23: Inez Cossette requested by JoAnn Booz:

Mon, Dec 24:

Tues, Dec 25:

Wed, Dec 26:

Thur, Dec 27:

Fri, Dec 28:

Sat, Dec 29:

Sun, Dec 30:

*John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Contact Donna Schulz to schedule Mass Intentions 910-285-0711 or dschulz2167@charter.net*

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Vigil @ 4pm

Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Mass @ 9am

Dec 31<sup>th</sup>: New Year's Eve Mass @ 7pm

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> : New Year's Day Mass @ 9am

**Adoration:** There will be no Adoration scheduled the week of Christmas. Regular schedule will resume Thursday, January 3.

**Heartfelt Thanks-** What a wonderful concert! Thank you to Lara and everyone who made Sunday's concert such a great experience! It really got us into the Christmas spirit. The songs combined with the narration was inspired. And the children were stars, too! Their smiling faces were contagious. And singing along was great! Not to mention Santa.

And to those who set up tables & chairs, wrapped silverware, decorated, made food, ate food, hauled trash, washed dishes--you made the potluck FUN! We entered the hall in a great mood from the concert and it just continued into the evening. Thank you all and Merry Christmas to you and your families!

**Food Pantry:** Please bring canned food, rice and beans to our Transfiguration vestibule. The Knights will take the items to local food pantry where they will be most appreciated. Thank you.



**Coats for Kids** is being organized by the Knights of Columbus again this year. The coats will be for local children and the children from our mission. There will be boxes located in the vestibule and in the Church Hall.



The weekend of Dec. 29/30 is the fifth weekend of the month and the Knights will be leading a recitation of the rosary before both the Saturday and Sunday masses.

If you would like to join in this devotion, please try to get to mass by 4:30 on Saturday or 7:45 on Sunday.

### Knights of Columbus Raffle

The Knights of Columbus have a yearlong 50/50 raffle that is open to all in the parish as well as friends and relatives. The cost is \$20 for the year. The money raised is used by the local council to fund activities for children, such as the Basketball Free Throw Contest, as well as parish related activities such as the Mother's Day breakfast. All wishing to participate can give \$20 cash with name and date noted to Ron Crecco, or a check made out to 'K of C Council 12921. Drawings take place at the Council's Business Meeting each month.

**Mass Intentions:** Thank you to Geri Cullen for her tireless work organizing Mass Intentions for our Church. Donna Schulz has stepped into her spot in managing the Mass Intentions, her email address [dschulz2167@charter.net](mailto:dschulz2167@charter.net) or 910-285-0711.

**Bulletin:** If you are interested in adding something to the bulletin, please email Eileen, [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com). If you would like to have something add to the announcements during Mass, please email Rosanna Hirshkind at [momrd5@gmail.com](mailto:momrd5@gmail.com). Please note the information will only be accepted via written or email form. Also, it must be approved. We ask that you provide the information by Wednesday noon due to publishing constrictions. Thank you.

**Dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ** Please join us for the dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on January 3, 2019. Vespers begin at 6:30pm followed by a concert with concert guest soloist Nathan Laube. Event is open to the public.



**From the Desk of the Historian:** [The Cure d Artes Prayer Group](#) asks that we pray for the following priests who have served

Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church in the month of December:

**Fr. Donald Staib** (1961): An educator, Fr. Staib served as superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Raleigh and spent many years in Asia teaching English and the American culture. Fr. Staib founded St. Mary of Magdeline parish in Apex in 1977 and has served there since that time. Fr. Staib celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood in 2011.

**Msr. Steven Carlson** (1999-2000): Msgr. Carlson was a former US Army pilot before becoming a priest. He left Transfiguration in 2000 when he was recalled to military service as an Army chaplain. He is currently retired.

**Fr. John Alex Gonzalez** (2011-2014): From Colombia, Fr. Alex served as pastor at NC State and was chaplain to the football team before coming to Transfiguration. It was during his tenure that Transfiguration was erected as a parish, having previously been a mission of St. Joseph the Worker in Burgaw.

**Fr. Marlon Mendieta-Rodas:** Fr. Marlon was a parishioner of Transfiguration prior to his entering the seminary in Philadelphia. He was ordained as a priest in 2018 and is now serving a parochial vicar of St. Patrick's in Fayetteville.



#### **Hurricane Florence Rescue and Recovery-**

If you would like to help Catholic Charities assist families impacted by Hurricane Florence across central and eastern North Carolina, there are several ways you can do so at this time:

- **Financial Donations:** Disasters are rapidly changing events and financial donations allow us to adapt with the situation and best meet the needs of the survivors. Donate online or text RECOVER1 to 51555.
- **Volunteer:** If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence) to learn about volunteer opportunities across the Diocese of Raleigh.
- **In-Kind Donations:** If you would like to donate in-kind goods, an online page has been set up where you can purchase items, and they will be shipped in bulk to our offices. This helps streamline coordination of the supplies we anticipate receiving. You can find the list of needed items here. If you are interested in coordinating a donation drive, please contact Gabby Amos at Catholic Charities at [Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org](mailto:Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org).
- **Pray:** Survivors are going through what may be the most traumatic experience in their lives. Staff and volunteers are working around the clock to provide some relief during this challenging situation. Your prayers for all involved are greatly needed at this time.

**Volunteers Opportunities-** Your neighbors need your support! Catholic Charities has many volunteer opportunities available across the Diocese of Raleigh. Please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteer](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteer) to find out what you can do to help. No one can recover from a disaster this big alone. But, as a community, we can care for our brothers

and sisters in need as Jesus calls us.

**Thank you for your consideration and generosity. Catholic Charities appreciates any assistance that you can provide**

**Mass for Life and NC Right to Life** The Diocese is partnering with NC Right to Life to continue the tradition of taking a stand for the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. The annual Mass for Life will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. All the faithful of North Carolina are invited to participate in the NC Rally for Life at 1:00pm and the NC March for Life at 2:00pm on Jan. 12, 2019 at the Halifax Mall in Downtown Raleigh. The keynote speaker will be Dr. George Delgado, a national Catholic Speaker on Pro-Life themes, and is a regular on "Catholic Answers Live". Along with the keynote speaker there will be live music, youth speakers, an invocation from our bishop, local politicians and much more.

**Mass honoring Martin Luther King Jr.** We invite you to join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama for Mass to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 10:00 am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. Event is open to the public.

**Blessing of a Christmas Tree-** *The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.*

*In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.*

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.*

*The leader says the prayer with hands joined:*

*Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.*

*We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.*

*We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.*

*The lights of the tree are then illuminated.*

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

*May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. R/. Amen.*

*The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":*

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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Being a Knight of Columbus is all about giving back to your community and building bonds of brotherhood. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to support our parish and our local community contact Huck Booz, 285-5250

### OUR MINISTRIES

**Liturgist: Rosanna Hirshkind (471-8647) or [momrd5@gmail.com](mailto:momrd5@gmail.com)**

--Adoration: Pat Gasparini (285-4727), Donna Schulz (285-0711)

--Altar Servers:

-- Sacristans: Tish Vandiver (285-4737), Barbara Crecco (665-1231)

--Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Greeters: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)

-- Extraord. Ministers, Lect, Greeters Scheduler: Maureen McCarthy (285-5194)

--Homebound Eucharistic Ministry: Rosanna Hirshkind (471-8647)

--Magnificat: Kathy Lord (271-4660)

--Music: Lara Capparuccia (910-324-5540)

**Faith Formation (Adult & Children): Fran Braks (665-1092)**

--Lighthouse CD info, Sheila Bertoldi 410-979-8200

**Pastoral Care: Deacon Mike (285-4737)**

--Bereavement & Hospitality: Kathy Lord (271-4660), Julie Couch (271-6808)

--Greetings: Judi Matthews (289-1738 )([lstiddm@gmail.com](mailto:lstiddm@gmail.com))

--Prayer Shawl: Joann Booz (285-5250)

--Prayer Tree: Geri Cullen (285-7334), Lita Hopkins (285-2830), Cheryl Partyka (285-6661)

--Vocation Liaison: Gary Deininger

--Transportation: Donna Davis ([donnamd56@gmail.com](mailto:donnamd56@gmail.com))

**Hispanic: Luis Galan (271-4200) or [luisgalan\\_r@hotmail.com](mailto:luisgalan_r@hotmail.com) or**

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**Fellowship: Karen Lutze [klutze@gmail.com](mailto:klutze@gmail.com) (740-973-7732)**

--Christmas Concert & Dinner:

--First Sunday Breakfast: Diana Nizamoff (665-1251), Diane Elko (732-363-5040)

--Feast of the Transfiguration

--Heritage Month Feast

**Works of Mercy: Deacon Mike Vandiver (285-4737)**

--Community: Feed Our Hungry Children, Julia Callahan (285-0503), Julie Couch (271-6808)

--Human Life & Dignity Committee: Maureen MacCarthy, Julia Bryant ([benjulb@gmail.com](mailto:benjulb@gmail.com))

--Knights of Columbus: Huck Booz, 285-5250

--Prison Ministry in Pender County: Deacon Mike Vandiver (285-4737)

**Stewardship: Mark Hopkins (285-2830) [markhopkins121@gmail.com](mailto:markhopkins121@gmail.com)**

--Accounting Administrator: JoAnn Booz (285-5250)

**Administration: Julia Bryant (757-759-4951)**

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--Historian: Julia Callahan (285-0503) [jcallahan0503@gmail.com](mailto:jcallahan0503@gmail.com)

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--Publicity: Julia Callahan (285-0503) [jcallahan0503@gmail.com](mailto:jcallahan0503@gmail.com)

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--Welcome Packets, Kaye Pulzone, 463-1218, [kbpulzone@charter.net](mailto:kbpulzone@charter.net)

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Week of 12/16/18		
Offertory Collection		\$2,649.00
All other collections		\$213.00
Total Revenues		\$2,862.00
9/9/18 - 12/16/18		
Offertory Collection		\$67,286.50
All other Collections		11,983.12
Total Revenues to Date		\$79,269.62